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## Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for securing transactions using electronic deposits (purses), comprising:

configuring, in an electronic deposit (purse), a grey lock mark being an attribute parameter of the electronic deposit (purse), which identifies the state of the last transaction of the electronic deposit (purse) as being one of complete and incomplete, the grey lock mark being configured to have one of a clear status when the last transaction was completed and a set (grey) status when the last transaction was incomplete, wherein[[;]] after setting the grey lock mark, all operations to the electronic deposit (purse) except resetting the grey lock mark being invalidated;

setting, while starting a transaction using the electronic deposit (purse), the grey lock mark and recording parameters of the transaction as a locking card source in the electronic deposit (purse); and

validating the recorded locking card source before debiting money from the electronic deposit (purse), and if the recorded parameters are validated, debiting money from the electronic deposit (purse) and resetting the grev lock mark simultaneously.

- 2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising: storing an encryption key in a host computer of the distributor who distributes the electronic deposit (purse), in order to debit supplementary money from the electronic deposit (purse) and to reset the grey lock mark compulsorily in the electronic deposit (purse), which is being set the grey lock mark, on an on-line card terminal by an on-line mode.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the procedure of securing transactions using electronic deposits (purse) comprises:

inserting the electronic deposit (purse) into a transaction terminal; authenticating mutually by the electronic deposit (purse) and the terminal; setting the grey mark in the electronic deposit (purse) by the terminal; performing a consumption; and

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